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SUBJ: CONSULAR PACKAGE FISCAL YEAR 1979

REF: A) STATE 191522 B) SANTIAGO 3917

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST IN REFTEL (A),
EMBASSY IS REPEATING BELOW SECTION 3 OF REFTEL (B). EMBASSY
BELIEVES GARBLED SECTION MAY BE SECTION REPEATED BELOW BUT
HAD DIFFICULTY IDENTIFYING "SECTION 3 OF 3". PLEASE ADVISE
IF REPETITION OF ANOTHER SECTION IS REQUIRED.

2. SECTION READS AS FOLLOWS QUOTE:

CONSULAR PACKAGE (3)

EXPLANATIONS OF STAFFING INCREASES:

ONE ADDITIONAL 0-7 OFFICER: OUR CURRENT OFFICER STAFF IS
NO LONGER ABLE TO ADEQUATELY PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICES TO
THE PUBLIC. THE IMMIGRANT VISA CASELOAD HAS INCREASED 136 0/0
DURING FY-77 AS COMPARED TO THE 45 0/0 INCREASE ESTIMATED BY
THE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE OF THE RECENT LAW AFFECTING WESTERN
HEMISPHERE APPLICANTS. THE NONIMMIGRANT VISA CASELOAD
INCREASED 35 0/0 OVER FY-76 WITH A CONSTANT 20 0/0 REFUSAL RATE.
ONE AMERICAN SECRETARY: THE CONSULAR SECTION IS PHYSICALLLY
SEPARATED FROM THE EMBASSY AND MAINTAINS A DECENTRALIZED
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CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED FILING SYSTEM. WE ARE UNABLE
TO SHARE AN AMERICAN SECRETARY ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER SECTION.
THIS POSITION HAS BEEN PARTIALLY FILLED DURING FY-77
BY THE AUTHORIZATION FOR A PART-TIME AMERICAN SECRETARY
FOR ONE YEAR BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 1976. HOWEVER,
BECAUSE OF THE NEEDS OF THE PAROLE PROGRAM, 95 0/0 OF HER
TIME WAS DEVOTED TO THE PAROLE PROGRAM INSTEAD OF OTHER

CONSULAR FUNCTIONS . THIS POSITION WAS RECOMMENDED IN THE 1975 INSPECTION REPORT AND INCLUDED IN THE PARM AND BUDGET REQUEST.

TWO ADDITIONAL LOCAL EMPLOYEES; ONE OF THESE POSITIONS (VISA) HAD NOT BEEN REQUESTED PREVIOUSLY. THE DEPT DECIDED TO INCREASE OUR PERMANENT POSITION CEILING BY ONE LOCAL IN ANTICIPATION OF IV CASELOAD INCREASES RESULTING FROM WESTERN HEMISPHERE AMENDMENTS TO LAW (76 STATE 305211). THE POSITION HAS NOT YET BECOME AVAILABLE BUT A TEMPORARY LOCAL POSITION HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO 6/30/77. THE OTHER ADDITIONAL LOCAL POSITION REQUESTED IN THIS PACKAGE FR FY-78 AND FY-79 IS THE SAME POSITION REQUESTED IN OUR FY-78 PACKAGE. THE NEED FOR A LOCAL INFORMATION CLERK-RECEPTIONIST IS MORE ACUTE NOW THAN PREVIOUSLY. THE CONTRACTED CIVILIAN SECURITY GUARD WHO PROVIDES BUILDING SECURITY IN THE CONSULATE HAS BEEN DOUBLING AS A RECEPTIONIST AND INFORMATION CLERK. THIS IS NOT HIS JOB AND IT DETRACTS FROM HIS PRIMARY SECURITY FUNCTIONS. BECAUSE OF THE VOLUME OF WORK, THE LOCALS ASSIGNED TO IV AND NIV OPERATIONS ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO ATTEND VISITORS REQUESTING INFORMATION. IF THE VISITORS ARE UNABLE TO RESOLVE THEIR QUESTIONS FROM INFORMATION SHEETS PROVIDED BY THE GUARD OR ARE GIVEN THE INCORRECT INFORMATION SHEET BY THE NON-CONSULAR GUARD, THEY TELEPHONE FOR THE INFORMATION CAUSING FURTHER DELAYS AND DISRUPTION IN THE VISA SECTIONS.

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